AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application with the listing of claims as follows:

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A system to support a derivative transaction, comprising:

a memory;

a processor disposed in communication with said memory, and configured to issue a plurality of processing instructions stored in the memory, wherein the processor issues instructions to:

receive data identifying a reference entity participating in said derivative transaction;

receive a template for screening said received data identifying said reference entity;

screen said received data according to the received template identifying said reference entity for accuracy;

receive data identifying at least a first reference obligation associated with said derivative transaction;

receive a template for screening said received data identifying said at least a first reference obligation;

screen said received data according to the received template identifying said at least a first reference obligation for accuracy;

identify a contractual relationship between said reference entity and said at least first reference obligation;

assign verification activities ~~to users~~ along with associated materials for facilitating a verification;

output a data record associated with said derivative transaction, said data record including said data identifying said reference entity, said data identifying said at least first reference obligation, and data identifying said contractual relationship, wherein said data record is verified as accurate as of an issue date of said derivative transaction; and

using said outputted data record associated with said derivative transaction to execute a derivative agreement involving said reference entity and said at least a first reference obligation.

2.   (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

verifying, on a periodic basis, the legal existence and good standing of said reference entity.

3.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, further comprising:

determining, based on said verifying, whether a status of said reference entity has changed; and

updating said initial record if said status has changed.

4.   (Withdrawn) A system, comprising:

a reference data device for receiving reference data associated with a derivatives transaction and for tracking said reference data; and

a user device for receiving scrub templates from said reference data device and for entering reference data into said scrub templates for storage by said reference data device, said scrub templates enforcing data conventions to provide consistency in said reference data.

5.   (Withdrawn) The system of claim 4, wherein said reference data device further stores data identifying an issuance date on which reference data associated with said derivatives transaction is confirmed by a user operating said user device.

6.   (Withdrawn) The system of claim 5, wherein said scrub templates include at least a scrub template for entering reference obligation data and a scrub template for entering reference entity data.

7.   (Withdrawn) The system of claim 6, wherein said reference data device is further configured to link said reference obligation data with said reference entity data for said derivatives transaction.

8.   (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium storing a plurality of processing instructions, comprising issuable instructions by a processor to:

receive data by a processor identifying a reference entity participating in said derivative transaction;

receive a template for screening said received data identifying said reference entity;

screen said received data according to the received template identifying said reference entity for accuracy;

receive data identifying at least a first reference obligation associated with said derivative transaction;

receive a template for screening said received data identifying said at least a first reference obligation;

screen said received data according to the received template identifying said at least a first reference obligation for accuracy;

identify a contractual relationship between said reference entity and said at least first reference obligation;

assign verification activities ~~to users~~ along with associated materials for facilitating a verification;

output a data record associated with said derivative transaction, said data record including said data identifying said reference entity, said data identifying said at least first reference obligation, and data identifying said contractual relationship, wherein said data record is verified as accurate as of an issue date of said derivative transaction; and

use said outputted data record associated with said derivative transaction to execute a derivative agreement involving said reference entity and said at least a first reference obligation.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The medium of claim 8, further comprising issuable instructions by a processor to:

enforce conventions to provide consistent data entry associated with said data identifying a reference entity.

10.   (Previously Presented)   The medium of claim 8, further comprising issuable instructions by a processor to:

enforce conventions to provide consistent data entry associated with said data identifying a reference obligation.

11. (Currently Amended) A processor-implemented method for supporting a derivative transaction, comprising:

receiving by a processor data identifying a reference entity participating in said derivative transaction;

receiving a template for screening said received data identifying said reference entity;

screening said received data according to the received template identifying said reference entity for accuracy;

receiving data identifying at least a first reference obligation associated with said derivative transaction;

receiving a template for screening said received data identifying said at least a first reference obligation;

screening said received data according to the received template identifying said at least a first reference obligation for accuracy;

identifying a contractual relationship between said reference entity and said at least first reference obligation;

assigning verification activities ~~to users~~ along with associated materials for facilitating a verification;

outputting a data record associated with said derivative transaction, said data record including said data identifying said reference entity, said data identifying said at least first reference obligation, and data identifying said contractual relationship, wherein said data record is verified as accurate as of an issue date of said derivative transaction; and

using said outputted data record associated with said derivative transaction to execute a derivative agreement involving said reference entity and said at least a first reference obligation.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

verifying, on a periodic basis, the legal existence and good standing of said reference entity.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

determining, based on said verifying, whether a status of said reference entity has changed; and

updating said initial record if said status has changed.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said status includes: a name change, a merger, and a de-merger.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
determining, based on said verifying, whether said reference entity has assumed additional liabilities.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

determining, based on said verifying, whether said reference entity has been released

from obligations.